(b) whether the long standing demand of NCDC to enable to grant capital loans to processing units is conceded; and

(c) whether Government propose to give dominant roll to NCDC in rural growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) A Statement showing assistance disbursed by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to these States during the last three years for the establishment of processing units in the cooperative sector is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 39]

(b) NCDC has been providing term loan assistance for the small and medium sized cooperative processing units. In the case of large sized processing units like sugar factories and spinning mills, NCDC has been providing assistance for share capital participation in these units and the term loan is sanctioned by the Central Financing Institutions.

(c) NCDC has been playing an important role in the promotion and financing of rural economic activities on cooperative lines.

नेपाल में छोटी रेल लाइन को बड़ी रेल लाइन में बदलना

1126. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में रेल मंत्री द्वारा नेपाल के प्रधान मंत्री को लिखे पत्र में यह वायदा किया गया है कि भारत सदभावना के तौर पर नेपाल क्षेत्र के भीतर आने वाली छोटी रेल लाइनों को बड़ी लाइनों में बदलने को तैयार है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज) : (क) और (ख) जून, 1990 में भारत यात्रा के दौरान नेपाल के प्रधान मंत्री के साथ इंडिया रेलवे कंस्ट्रेक्शन कम्पनी (इरकान) और रेल इंडिया टैकनीकल और इकोनामिक सर्विसेस (राइटस) के सहयोग से रक्सौल को काठमांडू से जोड़ने हेतु रेल लाइन के निर्माण की संभावनाओं पर विचार-विमर्श किया गया था। हाल ही में नेपाल के प्रधान मंत्री को लिखे गये पत्र में रेल मंत्री ने यह उल्लेख किया है कि इस प्रयोजन के लिये भारतीय शिष्ट मंडल के शीघ्र ही की यात्रा पर जाने की संभावना है।

Handing over of Travancore house to Government of Kerala

1127. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Travancore House in Delhi, which was built by the Maharaja of Travancore in 1923 on 14 acres of land, which is the property of Kerala Government, is proposed to be returned to them without delay; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The office of the Monopolies & Restrictive Trade Practices Commission, who is occupying the Travancore House, has already been allotted alternative accommodation in Bikaner House barracks and Kota House hutments and the said accommodation is under repairs. As soon as the repairs work is completed and the accommodation is fit for occupation, the MRTPC will shift there and the Travancore House will be released to the Government of Kerala by the Department of Company Affairs.